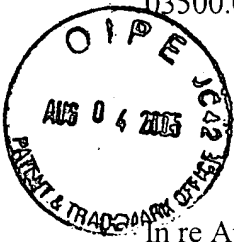


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TORU NIKI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/818,603

Filed: March 28, 2001

For: GROUP BULK PURCHASE
SYSTEM USING NETWORK

Examiner: Sarah R. Gedrich

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August 1, 2005

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2005 for three months from May 1, 2005 to August 1, 2005.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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